Mr. C. V. Iyyu *(Kunnamkulam):* I would request the Hon'ble President to take up the matter.

Demand under 25-Public Health Put and Carried

18. Vaccination—Cranganur Rs. 1376

Mr. T. K. Nayar *(Minister for Rural Development):* I move for an allotment Rs. 1,376 under "18 vaccination—Cranganur".

Demand put and carried

19. Sanitation and Conservency—Cranganur Rs. 9084

Mr. T. K. Nayar *(Minister for Rural Development):* I move for an allotment of 9084 under "Sanitation and Conservancy—Cranganur".

Demand put and carried

23. Medical Rs. 8,83,223

Rao Sahib Dr. T. Verghese *(Chief Medical Officer):* Sir, I rise to move for a grant of Rs. 8,83,223 under "23 Medical". There have been a few criticismse levelled against my department some of them very constructive, others perhaps undeserving. As these are coming up in the cuts that I see here I shall reserve my answers as cuts are moved. I request that the House may be pleased to grant allotment asked for.

CUT MOTION No. 36

Government Dispensary at Tattamangalam

Mr. T. S. Ramachandra Ayyar *(Chittur-Tattamangalam):* To reduce the allotment of Rs. 1,80,137 for establishment medical proper by Rs. 2. *This is to bring to the notice of the Government the necessity for converting the present grant-in-aid dispensary Tattamangalam into a regular Government dispensary with provision for a few beds.*

Sir, It is purely a local affair and I am sorry a that I am constrained to take up the time of the House with a purely practcial question. But as practical politicians I hope to be excused for the same. I need not tell the House that the administration report of the Medicel Department for various years will reveal that among the grant-aid-dispensaries it stands first so far as attendence of patients is concerned. The report for the year 1118 shows that the number of patients who attended the institution is nine thousand and odd. Among the grant-in-aid dispensaries that stands higher. From the papers I had occasion to see that the Government is contemplating or has decided to raise the status of the grant-in-aid dispensary at Cherai and make it into a big dispensary with beds for a few inpatients. I am glad that that question had been taken up. I only want the Government to take this institution also and make it into a regular dispensary with provision for a few beds, because as revealed by the figures it caters to a large number of people. I am glad that the possible objection to this proposal which Government may say is that within a few miles of Tattamangalam there is a big hospital at Chittur. Also Government may trot out an argument that Tattamangalam has been recently gifted with an Ayurvedic Hospital, but you must bear in mind, Sir, that even though we are in Malabar we people believe in the Ayurvedic system with all the common limitation to which humanity is subjected to. Even now we belive more in the Allopathic system than in the Ayurvedic system. For certain particular ailments like rheumatism madness etc., people believe more in Ayurveda. But for fevers and several other common ailments we believe more in Allopathic. That is a fact. So I request the Government to consider the question with all sympathy and to grant the prayer at the earliest opportunity. I do not press the cut motion and I request that Chief Medical Officer will make a good beginning by giving a favourable answer.

Rao Sahib Dr. T. Verghese *(Chief Medical Officer):* Sir, although this motion is calculated to give greater relief to the inhabitants of Tattamangalam I am very sorry I do not see my way to lend my support to it which as I would like to fall in with the wishes of my Hon'ble friend. He has already explained that Tattamangalam is after all only about 4 miles away from Chittur where we have a model hospital and where every sort of convenience is available for patients who need helps. Tattamangalam Dispensary is a fairly popular one but looking through my statistics here of the various rural dispensaries of the State the average number of patients that resort to this dispensary is about 34 where as Chelakkara has also about 34, Cherpu 55, Kumbalangi a much larger number and so on. There are so many dispensaries.

Mr. T. S. Ramachandra Ayyar *(Chittur-Tattamangalam):* What is the total number for the whole year.

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